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1. In 1955 a total of 420 kilometers of roads will be paved, 290 kilometers in asphalt and the remainder in stone. In the future, roads will be paved principally in asphalt except in built-up areas, where stone paving will be continued. One kilometer of asphalt laid on a stone foundation costs 380,000 leva, including ditches, whereas one kilometer of new asphalt costs 740,000 leva. 25X1
2. The Sofia-Stalin highway will be largely asphalt, particularly in the vicinity of Botavgrad, Lovech, and Turnovo. Similarly, the roads running parallel to the Danube are to be repaired with asphalt, particularly the Mikhaylovgrad - Byala Slatina - Knezha (N 43-30, E 24-05) - Pleven - Ruse route.
3. New bridges capable of carrying the heaviest vehicles will replace the old bridges, which had a load capacity of only 15 tons. This work will begin along the Sofia - Pirdop - Kazanluk - Gorna Oryakhovitsa - Ruse route.
4. Reinforcement of railroad bridges to raise them to a load capacity of 120 tons was to have been completed by April 1955. This work was done in anticipation of the receipt of German locomotives which Bulgaria has imported.

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